GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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NORMS/ GUIDELINES TO CURB ADULTERATION
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any new norms and guidelines to the Petrol/Diesel dealers to curb adulteration;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which new norms/guidelines differ from the earlier ones; and

(d) the extent to which the new norms/guidelines will be helpful in checking adulteration?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (d): Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG) 2005 replacing MDG 2001 providing relatively more stringent punitive action against erring dealers were issued and made effective from 01.08.2005. MDG, 2005 inter-alia provides termination in the 1st instance itself for serious malpractices like adulteration, tampering of seals, unauthorized fittings/gears in dispensing units, unauthorized storage facilities with in the premises of Retail Outlets (ROs), unauthorized sales/purchase/ exchange of Petrol/Diesel (MS/HSD) and selling of normal MS/HSD as branded fuel etc. It also provides for appeal within 30 days of the date of termination. Company Owned and Company Operated (COCO) ROs and CNG and Auto LPG stations have also to comply with MDG 2005. Some additional malpractices have also been brought under the purview of MDG 2005 which were not covered under MDG 2001. These are namely, totaliser seals found tampered, additional/unauthorized fitting/gears found in the dispensing unit, detection of storage facility outside licensed premises with interconnection into the RO premises, selling of normal MS/HSD as branded fuels, refusal by dealer to allow drawal of sample and/or carrying out of inspection etc. With the enforcement of the stringent MDG 2005, it is expected that the same will help in controlling of adulteration of Petrol/Diesel at ROs.